



# UB Highlights

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**News & Events for June 2014**

## Lunch 'n' Learn Series

UB's Global Learning Initiatives is happy to present lunchtime professional development and training sessions for faculty in the Professional Development Classroom on the 5th floor of Wahlstrom Library. Bring your own computer and your questions to the sessions.

### **Putting Modules in the Driver's Seat**

**Wednesday, June 4, 12:20 p.m.**

Use Canvas Modules to drive the instruction in your course but reduce the complexity (and dangers) of having every Canvas feature enabled by default.

### **Online Instruction: Beyond Uploading the Syllabus**

**Wednesday, June 11, 12:20 p.m.**

A course that is effective on-ground doesn't translate into success online without additional work. This session reviews the issue and offers solutions that instructors can easily and incrementally adopt.

### **Don't Fear the Camera: Integrating Self-Generated Video into Teaching**

**Wednesday, June 18, 12:20 (Part 1)**

**Wednesday, June 25, 12:20 (Part 2)**

Learn the how and why of using video in an online or hybrid course. The first session will cover technology basics, and the second will cover content issues.



## Transfer Open House

**Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m.-noon**

Prospective undergraduate transfers to UB are invited to an open house to be held on the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library. Events will include an admissions presentation, fee-waived application workshop, on-the-spot transfer credit evaluation, faculty meet-and-greet, and a campus tour. Register online or call 1-800-392-3582.



## UB Insider Day

**Saturday, June 14, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Prospective students are invited to become acquainted with UB's campus, students, and staff. Meet on the 6th floor of Wahlstrom Library and enjoy activities including a campus tour, a workshop on "Funding Your UB Education," a student affairs presentation, and lunch with admissions counselors and current UB students. Register online or call 1-800-392-3582.

## IDEAL Info Sessions

**Wednesday, June 18, 6-7 p.m.**

Information will be offered on UB's popular adult degree-completion program at the Bridgeport (Wahlstrom Library, first floor, Discovery Pavilion), Waterbury (84 Progress Lane), and Stamford (5 Riverbend Drive) campuses. To register, or for more information, visit [www.bridgeport.edu/ideal](http://www.bridgeport.edu/ideal). Those who are unable to attend the information sessions may arrange an appointment with an admissions counselor by emailing [idealinfo@bridgeport.edu](mailto:idealinfo@bridgeport.edu) or calling 203-576-4800.



## NYC Young Alumni Event

**Thursday, June 19, 5:30-7:30 pm.**

UB graduates of the last decade (2004-2014) are invited to an evening of networking and socializing in the Living Room Rooftop Bar & Terrace at the W Downtown Hotel, 123 Washington Terrace, in New York. To obtain tickets for the event, go to <http://www.bridgeport.edu/alumni>. Contact Alumni Relations, 203-576-4133 or [alumni@bridgeport.edu](mailto:alumni@bridgeport.edu), for more information. Meet other New York area alumni and hear about resources available to you!



## Undergrad Summer Orientation

**Friday, June 27, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.**

Undergraduate students planning to enroll at UB may meet this summer with their academic advisors, register for fall classes, learn about student support services, select their residence hall rooms, and meet future classmates. For a student to participate, UB must have received the student's \$200 tuition deposit, health forms, and high school or (for transfer students) college transcripts. Freshmen may check in at Marina Dining Hall from 8 a.m. to noon; transfers from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Register at <https://www.formstack.com/forms/UB-orientation> or call 1-800-392-3582.



# UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

## STUDENTS & ALUMNI ENGINEERING

**Wafa Mohammed Elmannai** was presented the Big Data Analyst Award from Decisyon, Inc., for her work, with advisor Dr. **Khaled Elleithy**, entitled “A New Algorithm Based on Discrete Fourier Transform to Improve the Lifetime of Underwater Wireless Sensor Networks Communications,” at the ASEE Zone 1 Conference April 3-5.

**Tamer Abukhalil** and **Madhav Patil** (Dr. **Tarek Sobh**, advisor) won first place in the ASEE Graduate Paper competition for their paper, “UBSwarm: Design of a Software Environment to Deploy Multiple Decentralized Robots.” Second place was awarded to **Sithisone Kalaya** and **Hussain A. Alhazmi** (Dr. **Tarek Sobh**, advisor) for their paper “Mobile Roots Exploration and Mapping in 2D”; and Honorable Mention awards went to **Bi Yuying** (Dr. **Prabir Patra**, advisor) for “Computational Simulation and Analysis of the Transverse Isotropic Property of Glycosaminoglycan in Collagen,” and **Ruoxu Jia** (Drs. **Juling Hu**, **Xinguo Xiong** and **Linfeng Zhang**, advisors) for “Shape Optimization Design and Material Selection for a Fitness Equipment.”

### *Business School Honors*

*On May 9, the following awards were presented to students in the Ernest C. Trefz Business School:*

Academic Achievement in Fashion Merchandising (B.S.), **KayJean Francois** and **Laura Lockery**  
Academic Achievement in Fashion Merchandising (A.A.), **Nagwang Tamang**  
Yale Co-op Award for Excellence in Fashion Merchandising, **Caridad Edwards**  
Connecticut Society of CPAs Education Trust Fund, Outstanding Junior Award, **Benjamin Dilg**;  
Outstanding Senior Award, **Wei Yao**  
Academic Achievement in Accounting, **Rui Jiang**  
Academic Achievement in Business Administration, **Justin Belden**  
Academic Achievement in Finance, **Yun Cai**  
Academic Achievement in International Business, **Biljana Savic**

## FACULTY & STAFF CPIA

**Steve Hess**, assistant professor of political science and East Asian & Pacific Rim Studies, testified on May 15 before the U.S. Congress’s U.S.-China Economic and Security Commission at a hearing entitled “Stability in China: Lessons from Tiananmen and Implications for the United States.” A webcast of the hearing is available at <http://www.uscc.gov/Hearings/hearing-stability-china-lessons-tiananmen-and-implications-united-states-webcast>.

### SPONSORED RESEARCH

**Christine Hempowicz**, director of the Office of Sponsored Research and Programs, served as a session co-chair for “Relationship Building from the Perspective of New Faculty,” at the Spring 2014 Region I National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA), held in Mystic, April 28-30. She has been appointed to the NCURA’s Collaborate PUI Community Committee (2014-16), which is charged with providing targeted programming and maintaining a responsive online discussion community for predominantly undergraduate institution research administrators.

### *Business School Honors*

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Scholar Service Award, **Wenshu Zhang**  
Scholar Athlete Award, **Christoffer Olesen**  
Marilyn Primoff Kohn Scholarship Awards, **Jingjing Liang** and **Alfred Mwalwanda**  
2012 MBA Director’s Award, **Anna Sikocinska**  
MBA Director’s Award, **Nona Vardidze** and **Mahmuda Nasrin**  
Business Activity Award, **Shuang Liu**  
Dean’s Award, **Wei Yao**

**Did we miss something?** *UB Highlights* is published twice monthly during the academic year and monthly in January, June, and July to inform the University community about UB events and achievements. To comment or to list your event or award, e-mail Rebecca Salonen, [UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu](mailto:UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu), or call x4988.